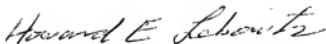


Remarks

The claims have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer, with "consisting of" language replacing "comprising" in claim 1, and combining claims 2, 10, and 12 into claim 1, and canceling claims 14-18, in accordance with the conference with the examiner, to expedite bringing the case to allowance. Applicant believes that claims 1, 3-9, and 11 are now in condition for allowance and therefore requests reconsideration of these claims as amended, and allowance of these claims.

If examiner desires to discuss any matter involving this case please contact the undersigned attorney at 510-785-8070 between 9 am and 5 pm PST.

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